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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Species 1 described in Figs. 21-22 and defined by Claims 20-25.

REMARKS

The traversal is based on applicants' understanding that there is no undue burden imposed on the Examiner to examine the subject application as originally filed.

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